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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT-
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SUBJECT: INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

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1. LAUTENSCHLAGER IS ON LEAVE UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER.
IN VIEW OF IMMINENCE OF NEXT LONDON MEETING,
WE ARE SEEKING EARLY APPOINTMENT FOR ECON MINISTER
COUNSELOR WITH SIGRIST, LAUTENSCHLAGER'S
DEPUTY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR
JAENICKE THAT PROBLEM IS NOT SO MUCH FINANCIAL AS A LACK
OF REALLY STRONG INTEREST IN AND DESIRE FOR INMARSAT ON
PART OF TWO MINISTRIES MOST CONCERNED, TRANSPORT AND
POSTS. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE BUT
FEELS THAT POLITICAL CONTENT OF ISSUE IS NOT SUFFICIENT
FOR IT TO TAKE REALLY STRONG LEAD.

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3. MARTIN GRUENER,FRG COORDINATOR FOR THE AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE INDUSTRY WILL VISIT WASHINGTON FROM AUGUST 22 TO 24. HE WILL CALL ON SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN OR DEPUTY SECRETARY BARNUM ON AUGUST 23 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN AEROSPACE MANUFACTURERS AND US COAST GUARD PROCUREMENT OF THE VFW-FOKKER 614 AIRCRAFT. HE WILL MEET AUGUST 24 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOEING AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS. WE SUGGEST SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIAL RAISE INMARSAT QUESTION WITH HIM.

4. ALSO POSSIBLY OF GREAT VALUE WOULD BE CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL TO FRG MARITIME AUTHORITIES HE MET ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE FRG. IN ADDITION, WE SUGGEST LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS FROM APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION STATE SECRETARY HEINZ RUHNAU AND FEDERAL POSTAL MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY DIETRICH ELIAS POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE OF FRG PARTICIPATION IN INMARSAT.
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